

# Post-Secondary Education/Training Programs

Special Topic Workgroup

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MHSA Workforce Education and  
Training

# Stakeholder Recommendations

- Fund and expand programs such as Project Return, Welcome Back
- Fund residency programs to increase psychiatrists working in public mental health, especially child psychiatrists and advance practice psychiatric nurses
- Create agreements with programs to rotate residents and interns through public mental health settings

# Stakeholder Recommendations(2)

- Use potential MHSA funding as incentive for transformation of educational curricula
- Fund the integration of the Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Professional (CPRP) and/or Human Services Collaboration curriculum into community college certificated and A.A. producing programs

# CMHPC Recommendation

- The primary strategy to increase the capacity of post-secondary education to meet public mental health workforce needs is to provide financial incentives to students
- Fund only those education/training programs that are directly linked to critical workforce shortages verified by a comprehensive needs assessment.
- Explore the use of distance education technology to expand student enrollment in current post-secondary programs

# Workgroup Strategies

- Expand post-graduate residency and internship programs to address critical shortages in prescribing medications and supervising treatment plans, such as UC Davis, UCLA, UCSF, Welcome Back
- Expand certification programs to produce individuals proficient in delivering services to the intent of MHSA, such as CPRP, Welcome Back, Project Return

# Workgroup Strategies(2)

- Link CEU requirements to address furthering the intent of MHSA, cultural competency, language proficiency
- Fund release time and consumer, family members to exchange faculty and PMH participants to influence curricula, stigma and respective cultures
- Assist campuses with reasonable accommodations for consumers as students
- Via regional partnerships facilitate common research activities and grant activities

# Next Steps

- Workgroup participants will volunteer to participate in a teleconference for each of the broad strategies outlined to develop greater specificity for recommendations and possible funding actions
- The workgroup will then meet October 5<sup>th</sup> to review products and plan next steps